

Life's Changes

The scriptures tell us in Malachi 3:6a, "I am the Lord, I change not." The writer of Hebrews 13:8 lets us know, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever." Such profound scriptures might lead us to ponder why an "unchangeable Lord" would create humanity and subject us to such a vast degree of change.

Perhaps you or those around you have heard or often said, "Nothing stays the same." When time is taken to meditate on this frequently expressed statement, we can substantiate it with countless examples. We grow older each day; our eyesight changes, our stamina and physical abilities change, our weight fluctuates with age sometimes due to medical or physical conditions, relationships change, occupations change, living locations change and our children grow from infancy to adulthood, sometimes it appears overnight.

Depending on our life's journey, many of us have changed our places of worship. When our sovereign God initially created mankind with Adam and Eve, as found in Genesis 1:26, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" and Genesis 1:27, "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them." Since we see in the Word of God that He is unchanging and mankind, being initially created in His image, was to experience the same, what caused the change? The answer is "sin." As a result of sin entering the world through Adam and Eve, the multitude of change we experience today entered into the world as well.

Please don't panic and throw your hands up in hopelessness; nothing takes our God by surprise!

Hallelujah ... He had a glorious plan all along. He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Lord and Savior! Because of His sacrifice on the cross, the shedding of His precious blood, and taking upon Himself the "sin" of the world, we don't have to fear or be overwhelmed by the changes we presently experience.

Our sin debt has been paid in full; all we need do is confess, repent and accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. When we do so, we experience the "change" of our citizenship from the world's system into the kingdom of God; our eternal home will no longer be hell where there will be gnashing of teeth but heaven where we will join the angelic host lifting praise to God. Glory to God, this change could only be manifested by the agape love of Jesus Christ and His passion for mankind to return to its originally created state of His unchangeable likeness.

As we continue to experience change ... in the seasons of the year, in the growth of our faith and spiritual maturity, in our occupations, in our church and ministry leadership, in all levels of government, in our local community and society at large, and ultimately desire in our hearts to deepen our relationship with the Lord and love for each other ... be of good cheer! Because of Jesus Christ, we can all be encouraged to embrace "change" having a greater understanding that it can be transforming, empowering each of us to be victorious as we walk this Christian journey until we finally arrive at our ultimate destination of being home with our God.

Finally, CWU is experiencing a degree of change...impacts of the Pandemic, virtual meetings, increased usage of technology, etc. So how do we adapt as a movement to change ... make every effort to embrace and maintain a "teachable spirit" knowing that with God we will be able to successfully accomplish our vision and mission, remain relevant, establish partnerships with like-minded organizations/agencies and ultimately transform lives of those we serve.

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